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HEROIC FATHER LOSES HIS LIFE

In an Effort to Save His Daughter Who Also Perishes in Flames.

SAVES A SON FIRST

And Neighbors Can Not Prevent Him from Returning for Daughter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Melville E. Mendell, a lawyer, after rescuing his son from his burning home in the borough of Queens early today, lost his life in an attempt to save his fourteen-year-old daughter who also perished.

Neighbors attempted in vain to prevent him from returning to the burning house for his daughter and when the flames had been extinguished their charred forms were found on a bedroom floor clasped in each other's arms.

BACON SAVED

Taft Puts More Than 20,000 Navy Yard Men Under Civil Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—More than 20,000 employees of the United States navy yards were today placed under the protection of civil service by President Taft with the approval of the Civil Service Commission and in accordance with an opinion rendered by Attorney General Wickersham.

COMMISSION FORM OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Is to Be Discussed at a Mass Meeting in Court House Monday Night.

The undersigned citizens of the city of Clarksburg hopeful and confident of the future growth and development of this city and believing that for the best interests of all concerned and for the present and future good of the city that the government of the city and its business interests should be removed as far as possible from politics and political influence, commit ourselves as being favorable to what is known as the commission form of government for the city of Clarksburg, and they agree with each other, irrespective of politics or our political affiliations with any party, to lend their aid and assistance to securing for the city of Clarksburg a commission form of government, the details of which are to be worked out and agreed upon at the proper time, and to this end and for this purpose they subscribe their names:

J. Hornor Davis, W. Brent Maxwell, P. H. Koblegard, J. W. Johnston, C. A. Hornor, W. A. Vance, E. J. Wood, Harvey W. Harmer, C. C. Jarvis, T. M. Hood, J. Otis Stout, H. O. Biddle, M. D. Stuart, W. Guy Terrick, L. B. Heffner, J. E. Law, H. E. Wilson, J. B. Hart, Osman E. Swartz, H. W. Williams, C. N. Slater, John L. Ruhl, John Koblegard, Fred L. Shinn, Harry R. Downes, C. E. Margeson, Dan W. Boughner, E. B. McDonald, John Stewart, H. L. Cunningham, Albert L. Lohm, Boyd E. Hornor, E. W. James, A. S. Law, Howard Post, H. W. Stuart, H. E. Sloan, A. M. T. Cunningham, R. R. Wilson, Roy E. Parrish and M. G. Cunningham.

Upon the request of a large number of persons whose names are signed to the foregoing memorandum, a mass meeting of the citizens of the city is called to be held at the court house on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock to consider a commission form of government for the city of Clarksburg, and to take such steps as may seem proper to have a bill presented to the legislature at its session to be held in January next, and such other action as may be deemed necessary to secure a commission form of government for the city.

All editions of the city interested in this movement are earnestly requested to be present.

AMERICAN WIFE OF NICARAGUAN LAWYER



Madame Luis F. Corea.

Madame Luis F. Corea is an American girl, who at the age of eighteen married the Nicaraguan minister to Washington over the protests of her family. He was Zelaya's representative and at the end of the Zelaya regime, left the diplomatic service and engaged in the practice of international law in New York city.

GENERAL STRIKE OF ENGINEERS ON NORTHWESTERN IS CALLED

Because One Engineer is Reduced Upon Conviction of Drunkenness.

THREE THOUSAND OUT

Already and the Whole Railroad System is Now Disorganized.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A general strike was declared today by locomotive engineers of the Northwestern railroad because one engineer who was engaged on the main line owing to a conviction for drunkenness was reduced to running a pilot engine. Three thousand engineers have already quit work and the whole system is disorganized.

MR. MICHAEL

Well Known Citizen is Dead at His Home at Dola, This County.

A. J. Michael, a well known resident of this county, living at Dola, died at his home Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. The deceased man was 65 years old and was married twice, his first wife having died several years ago and his second wife only about three months ago. He is survived by eight children, two by his first marriage, namely, Sylvester R. and Ollie Michael, and by his second marriage, six, three boys and three girls, Cleveland, John, Brooks, Lacey, Rosa and Dossie Michael.

Mr. Michael had been in failing health for some time and recently he took electric treatment in Baltimore, but nothing seemed to do him any good.

The funeral services will be held at the Michael residence tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock and the body will be taken overland to Lumberton, where interment will be at the Odd Fellows' cemetery. He was a member of Hermon Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, here, whose members will meet promptly in their temple at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and take a street car at 1:30 o'clock to go to Lumberton by way of Haywood to attend the burial.

MICHAEL QUALIFIES.

Daniel McCall qualified today as administrator of the estate of Julia Michael with bond at \$2,500 and Henry and Marshall Michael sureties.

McMECHEN BURNS AT AN EARLY HOUR

Fire Departments of Wheeling, Benwood and Other Places Rush to Scene.

WHEELING, Dec. 7.—Fire which broke out at McMechen eight miles from here at 6 o'clock this morning threatened the town.

At 9 o'clock eight buildings were in flames including the municipal building and the damage estimated at \$50,000 had been done.

Fire fighting apparatus from Wheeling, Benwood and other places was hurried to the scene.

The flames were under control after four hours' work. Six buildings were destroyed and two damaged, with a total loss of \$75,000.

Fifteen guests in Hart's hotel had a narrow escape. The fire originated there from an overheated stove.

TRIALS TO RESUME.

Trials in the criminal court will be resumed Monday morning. The docket calls for the trials of Tony Alois and Harry Null on misdemeanor charges. The latter is accused of assaulting Justice George W. Harrison, of Enterprise.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Norval L. Swiger and Sarah L. Casto, Theodore G. Winans and Nellie V. Barnes, Patsy Soletto and Mary Omadi and Walter R. McNeamar and Cooley E. Lyons.

HISTORIC PALACE

Is Offered the Peace Makers As Place to Hold Their Conferences In.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The British government has placed the historic St. James palace at the disposal of the peace plenipotentiaries representing the Balkan allies and the Ottoman empire for the purpose of holding their conferences. The meeting of the diplomats will begin next Friday.

OIL BURSTS

Through a Pipe and More Than 1,000 Barrels is Lost as Result.

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 7.—More than 1,000 barrels of oil flowed over the Bert Camp farm on the west side of the Monongahela river here yesterday afternoon when a six inch main used by the Eureka Pipe Line Company to convey the fluid from Downs Station to the Pure Oil Company's plant burst. Scores of men were rapidly put to work to dam the oil but the greater part of it was lost. The loss will amount to about \$2,000.

NEW MINISTER WILL PREACH FIRST SERMON



The Rev. C. D. Smith, new pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church here, will preach his first sermon as such at 10:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. There will doubtless be a large congregation to welcome and hear him. The Rev. Mr. Smith is among the most successful members of the conference in this state and his pastorate here will assuredly accomplish great things for the church.

Mr. Smith was born in Monongalia county but he grew up chiefly in Lewis county. He was graduated from the West Virginia Conference Seminary at Buckhannon, now the West Virginia Wesleyan College. When twenty years old, he was licensed to preach and he has continued in the work ever since. He served one year on the duty charge, five years at Sutton, four years at New Martinsville and seven years at Fairmont, where he was pastor of the First church. The last three years he was superintendent of the Morgantown district of the conference and was recently appointed as such, but by arrangement with the Rev. O. Dale King, whom he has succeeded here, he exchanged positions, the same being at the request of the Rev. Dr. King. The last ten years the Rev. Mr. Smith was a resident of Fairmont but he has moved here and will make this city his home as long as he remains pastor of the local church.

The new pastor of the local church was elected as the head of the West Virginia delegation to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal denomination which met in Minneapolis last May.

The Rev. Mr. Smith is well known here, having preached three or four sermons in the local church and having made addresses at other times. He is a splendid pulpit speaker and an earnest pastor.

COURT PRESIDENT'S AGED MOTHER DEAD

Mrs. Almira Strother Passes Away at Wilsonburg at an Advanced Age.

The funeral of Mrs. Almira Strother, who died at her home at Wilsonburg Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from diseases incident to old age, will be held in the Mt. Hope Methodist Episcopal church at Katylick Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The funeral party will leave the home at 10:30 o'clock. The interment will be in the Plant cemetery near the church. She had been ill several weeks.

Mrs. Strother was a daughter of the late Martin and Katherine Gains Pittro, who resided near Wilsonburg all their lives. She was married to John J. Strother in 1861. He died several years ago. Many remember him as a prominent and successful farmer and shipper of live stock.

The surviving members of her family are, William M. Jesse F. John B., president of the county court, and D. H. all of Wilsonburg; Mrs. Samuel E. and W. L. both of Salem; and Ray L. an attorney here.

Mrs. Strother is also survived by three brothers, Silas Pittro, of Salem; and Edmond and Samuel Pittro, both of O'Neil.

The deceased woman was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church almost all her long life of seventy-three years. She was an excellent business woman and rendered her husband fine aid in the management of his farm. All who knew her held her in highest esteem.

MRS. KELLEY.

Seriously Ill at Home of Her Sister at Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelley, Mrs. Nathan G. Stealey and Mrs. Anthony Bowen, of Fairmont, went to Latrobe, Pa., Saturday where they were called by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. J. M. Kelley, who went there last week to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Kelley's many friends in this city hope her illness will not be of long duration.

MRS. HOFF IMPROVS.

Mrs. Lydia S. Hoff, who has been seriously ill at her home on Water street for the last ten days, is improving and the attending physician has hope for a speedy recovery for her.

JUDGE DICE MAY HEAD THE TICKET

Of Republicans of This State Next Time as Gubernatorial Nominee.

Charles S. Dice, of Lewisburg, judge of the twentieth judicial circuit, comprised of Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties, was a prominent visitor here Friday evening enroute from the annual meeting of the game and fish men of the state held at Fairmont. Judge Dice was appointed by Governor William E. Glasscock a year or two ago after the legislature had created the circuit. He triumphed at the recent election over Henry Gilmer, Democratic nominee four years ago for state supreme judge. The circuit is Democratic but Judge Dice received a plurality of ninety-one votes over his Democratic opponent who was nominated with not only a plurality but also a majority over two opponents. These facts attest the wide popularity Judge Dice and the estimate his circuit has of his ability.

Judge Dice will soon have before him for trial various alleged murder cases growing out of the coal miners' strike in Kanawha county before martial law was first declared. The trials will be prolonged owing to the fact that there will be more than 1,500 witnesses. These cases were referred to Judge Dice for trial, when a change of venue was asked of the circuit court of Kanawha county.

Prominent mention is already being made of Judge Dice as the Republican candidate four years hence for governor and he looks like a winner.

CHOLERA CAUSE OF MUCH HAVOC

ILLUSTRATION

Of Business Done by Window Glass Men is Quite Satisfactory.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 7.—According to the illustration in yesterday's volume of business continues to be maintained in the window glass world and present indications point to a continuance for some time to come. Despite the blizzard of misadventure now by no means heavy and dense has been keeping up in a manner which prevents any large surplus accumulation.

The pleasant weather conditions of the last few weeks have been most favorable to the completion of building operations, which have gone forward on a large scale in nearly every section of the country during the year.

Factory operations, on the whole, have progressed satisfactorily and the various manufacturers are paying particular attention to getting out first class production. The quality question has been brought to the fore this season more than ever before and, in addition, special attention is being paid to the matter of proper packing of the product.

A well attended meeting of members of the Western Window Glass Jobbers' Association was held last Thursday at the Annex hotel, Chicago, at which quite a number of questions of general importance were discussed. Practically all the prominent window glass jobbers in the western district attended the gathering.

THREE ARE FINED.

Three cases of street drunkenness were attended to this morning in police court by Mayor Frank R. Moore. One fellow forfeited a cash bond of \$4.60, another put up a silver watch as security for the payment of a like fine and the other was remanded to jail in default of paying a fine until evening, when he will be deported.

MR. LYON OUT.

Ellis Lyon, of Hepzibah, was in the city Saturday the first time in several weeks. He is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever of ten weeks, part of which time marked him in a very critical condition. Friends by the score are glad to see him out.

SENATOR MARSHALL

Hears About the Governor's Call and Hastens Back to His Home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Senator O. S. Marshall, who is regarded as one of the possibilities for president of the West Virginia Senate at the coming session, is here attending the meetings of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. He first learned of the governor's call for the extra session upon his arrival here and will hasten home to get his business in shape to be at the opening of the extra session.

D. E. Abbott and G. A. Northcott, prominent Republicans and business men of Huntington, are among the delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

FATAL FALL

From a Porch by a Former "Dry" Candidate for Governor.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 7.—Attorney Charles L. Hawley, the Prohibition party candidate for governor in 1894, fell from a porch at his residence here today and was killed.

In the Native Quarters of the Capital City of Turkey Now.

HUNDREDS ARE DEAD

More Than 500 Deaths Within the Last Twenty Days There.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—Cholera is causing havoc in the native quarters of the Turkish capital. It was officially admitted today that more than 1,000 cases have occurred during the last twenty days. Most of them were fatal. This is believed to be below the real figure.

PROPERTY OWNERS

Are Addressed by Captain Sperry in Card Below About Tax Sale.

To property owners: If you have purchased property within the last three years, examine the delinquent list and ascertain whether it has been returned delinquent in the name of a former owner. Frequently the former owner of property gives the matter of taxes no attention after he sells. You may lose your property by permitting it to be sold for taxes assessed against it in the name of the former owner. Delinquent tax sale Monday, December 9, 1912.

I make these suggestions solely for your benefit.

MELVIN G. SPERRY.

BILL

Introduced to Prohibit Sending of Campaign Funds from State to State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Chairman Clapp of the committee investigating campaign expenditures introduced a bill today to prohibit sending campaign funds from one state to another to aid in the campaign of candidates for president, representative or senator.

CONFAB

Is to Be Held by Roosevelt and Other Progressive Leaders.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 7.—Colonel Roosevelt and many other leaders of the Progressive party will be in Chicago next Tuesday for a two days' conference. The principal addresses will be made by the colonel, Senator Dixon and ex-Senator Beveridge. There will be women delegates also.

FRUIT SHOW.

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 7.—The annual Monongahela county fruit and corn show was held in the university today and was the largest ever held. Twenty counties in West Virginia was registered and five states had exhibits.

GOOD PRICES FOR FARMS.

CHARLES TOWN, Dec. 7.—Mrs. E. M. Perry has sold her farm near Charles Town to G. M. Hough, of Summit Point, for \$125 an acre. The place contains 155 acres. John T. Melvin has sold his farm near Dunfords containing about 150 acres to Buckles brothers, of Halltown, for \$100 an acre.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—December wheat closed \$4 3-4, corn 48 5-8, oats 31 7-8.

Edmund Southern, a prominent Sardis district Democrat, was in the city Saturday.

Misses Dora and Bertha Stout, of Bridgeport, have returned from a two weeks' visit to friends in Spencer. Camden Conaway, of Shannston, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.